

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL *NEWS*

September 2005

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Roundtable Discussion with Our Elected Officials

Braddock District Council
September 13, 2005 7:30 PM
Braddock District Meeting Hall
9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015 (703)-425-9300

Braddock District Council Future Meeting Dates:

October 11
November 8
December 13

Message from the Chair:

If you missed the July Braddock District Council picnic, you missed a great party!

We had a wonderful time honoring our Best of Braddock awardees and their families and friends. The Council arranged for Red, Hot and Blue catering and there was abundant food and dessert for everyone.

In addition to honoring our BOBs, we held elections. For coming Council term, the new officers are: Chair, Janyce Hedetniemi; Vice-Chair, Jeff Nolan; Treasurer, Ivan Dietrich; and Recording Secretary, Colin Campbell. Bruce Wallachy has agreed to serve as the Communications Chair. It would be wonderful if some of you might consider volunteering for the following: Program Chair; Correspondence Secretary; and Events Coordinator. Call or send me an email!

Our first **meeting of the new term is Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.** We will have a **roundtable discussion** with **elected representatives and delegates** who are invited to share with us their thoughts and ideas about the coming **legislative session and the challenges ahead for the County and State.**

In **October, we will partner with the Springfield District to host a Public Workshop on Variance Amendments.** This meeting will be one of a series of public workshops to discuss Zoning Ordinance changes regarding such issues as setbacks/yards, lot width, and fences. From workshops such as ours on October 11, 2005, County staff will gather public opinion on these issues to help formulate a workable amendment.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. See you in September—and just a gentle reminder, if you haven't already, don't forget to submit your association dues for the coming Braddock District Council year.

Janyce Hedetniemi, Chair

New Braddock District Council Officers

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Treasurer, Ivan Dietrich
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SUPERVISOR BULOVA'S CORNER

A brief pause in Braddock's frenetic pace occurred for about two weeks in August. And now, my staff and I are looking ahead at a number of exciting activities during the months ahead.

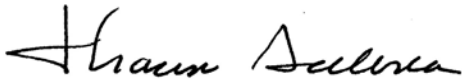
- The **Braddock District Comprehensive Plan Citizen Task Force** will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 14th** to vote on Task Force Nominations to make changes to our District's Land Use and Transportation Plan. Improved pedestrian access (several trails and trail connections) to the Burke Centre VRE Station will be on their list. The deadline for Nominations from the *public* is September 21st. After several meetings of the Task Force to review and discuss these nominations, my office will host a **Community Outreach Meeting on February 7th, Tuesday, 7:30 PM**. This will be an opportunity for neighbors closest to the nominated parcels to learn about what is being proposed and to provide feedback to the Task Force and to me. Our office will mail invitations to the closest neighbors of the potentially affected properties, and will count on the assistance of Community Association's for getting the word out to the larger community.
- On **Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 PM** I will be hosting an information meeting to provide an **Update on the Burke Centre Library project**. The engineered plan for temporary commuter parking during construction of the Burke Centre VRE Parking Garage will also be discussed.
- On **September 29th, Thursday, 7:30 PM** my office will be hosting an informational meeting to be held at Bonnie Brae Elementary School for neighbors close to **Royal Lake** in the Fairfax/Burke area to learn about and discuss Public Works' plans to **Rehabilitate the Dam Spillway**. Our office will be mailing invitations to homeowners living closest to the lake. We'll also be counting on the help of Community Associations in the area to get the word out to the larger community. You'll be receiving more information in early September.
- Coming to Braddock soon - **A 101 on our community!** Starting on **October 6th, 6:30 PM in Braddock Hall** (adjacent to the Kings Park Library on Burke Lake Road) we are offering a **Braddock District Neighborhood College** experience to anyone who is interested in learning more about Fairfax County – what services and programs we provide, how to address community problems, ways to develop leadership skills to become more involved in the community. This program is brought to you by the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services. It provides a neighborhood forum for discussing our community's issues and challenges and equips participants with tools for addressing them. The series begins on **October 6th, and will continue through the evenings of: October 13th, 20th, 27th, 29th, November 10th, with graduation scheduled for the evening of November 17th**. For more information, or to be put on the mailing list to receive an official invitation, please contact my office at 703 425 9300, or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- Members of our **A Look Back at Braddock Editing Committee**, ably chaired by Marion Meany, have spent their summer vacations reading through about 50 oral history transcripts. By this coming spring, we are hoping to publish a **book on Braddock's history**, along with a companion **Layered Map**, which traces our history from earliest maps to present. The ALBB group is also working to produce a short **film** about the project and highlights of the history we've collected. Our **Braddock District Fall Town Meeting, October 19th, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, in the Kings Park Library Community Room** will provide a sneak preview of these exciting history projects.

- The **Environmental Documentation for the Burke Centre VRE Parking Garage project is complete.** As part of VDOT's requirements, a public hearing must be held to allow for citizen review and comments. The county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services together with VDOT is scheduling a **public hearing on October 20, 2005, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, in Robinson High School.** The Environmental Document will be available for public review at our Braddock District Office prior to the public hearing.
- **On February 8th, at 2 PM,** our **Braddock District Winter Town Meeting for Elders** will be held at **Little River Glen on Olley Lane.** Continuing with our history theme, participants in the Town Meeting will be invited to tell their stories. If you'd like to be on the program to share an interesting story about your life, please give my office a call at 703 425-9300. We will be televised on Fairfax County Cable Channel 16 with re-broadcasts throughout February.

By this time, much progress should have been made on the construction of a 60 bed **Assisted Living and Adult Care Facility** next to the existing Little River Glen Independent Living units. These facilities are scheduled to open this coming spring. Planning is also underway for additional **Independent Living** apartments on the Little River Glen campus.

Lastly, the Braddock District Council's September and October meetings are shaping up to be real winners. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Bulova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "B".

Sharon Bulova